GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation– NTR District – Allegations relating to making payments by the Rural Water Supply Engineers without insisting upon profit invoices to the executing agencies/contractors – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri S. Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Vijayawada, NTR District under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. **Dated .11.2025.**
Read the following:-

1. Lr.DIS.No.635/2022/B1/LOK/3666/2023, dated 12.04.2023 of Deputy Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh and letters thereon, last letter, dt.18.12.2024.
2. Govt. Memo No.RWS/247/2023-RWS-I(2069397), dt.06.05.2023, 07.07.2023, 25.11.2023 & 07.12.2023.
3. Lr.No.AE(2)/DEE(T&P)/NTR District/Lokayukta compliant No.635/2022/B1, dated 31.05.2024 of Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, AP, Vijayawada.
4. Govt. Memo No.2069397/VIG.VI/2023, dt.13-03-2025, 19.08.2025 & 21.10.2025.
5. Letter No. Vig(2)/RWS&S/LOK/635/2022/B1/2025, dt.11.11.2025 of ENC, RWS&S received on 17.11.2025.
6. G.O.Rt.No.943, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.28.11.2025.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Vijayawada, NTR District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Vijayawada, NTR District is directed to submit written statement of his defense within 10 days from the date of the receipt of this G.O.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Vijayawada, NTR District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri S. Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, RWS&S Division, Vijayawada, NTR District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, RWS&S Division, Vijayawada, NTR District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged along with Annexures-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma, the then Divisional Accounts Officer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Vijayawada, NTR District (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada, with a request to serve the orders on the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same to the Government for record.

Copy to:

The Assistant Registrar, Institution of Hon'ble Lokayukta, Kurnool.

Sf/Sc (2069397)

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.SATYANARAYANA SHARMA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT:

Charge:

That Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma, Divisional Accounts Officer, during his tenure at Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Vijayawada, NTR District has committed irregularity by accepting Non-GST bills and making payment during the period from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2022 for an amount of Rs.25,24,321/- and caused loss to the Government exchequer without insisting proper invoices & GST particulars and violating Rule 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 .

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF THE IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF EACH ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S. SATYANARAYANA SHARMA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT:

The Government vide Memo No.2069397/Vig.VI/2023, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Department, dated 13.03.2025 has informed that the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Vijayawada has submitted a detailed report along with his recommendations to the Govt. vide Lr.No.AE(2)/DEE(T&P)/NTR District/ Lokayukta Complaint No.635/2022/B1, dated 31.05.2024. In the report, it was revealed that after verification of the bills, vouchers and invoices, the bore well bills submitted by M/s.Sai Constructions, Nuzvid and Sri BS Bharadwaj were found to be on their respective letterheads, without any GST details. The 32 bills were prepared based on letterheads, cash bills, and credit bills, and payments were made for HDPE pipes, casings, and motors from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2022., without ensuring that proper invoices and GST details were provided. Being a Divisional Accounts Officer, Sri S.Satyanarayana Sharma has to direct the Executive Engineer to reject such bills, he has to reject the such type of bills but he allowed these Non-GST bills and mislead the Executive Engineer, making payment for an amount of Rs. 25,24,321/- and caused financial loss to the Government.

From this, it is evident that he has failed to follow the rules in vogue and shown gross negligence towards his Legitimate Duties and violated Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.SATYANARAYANA SHARMA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1. Lr.DIS.No.635/2022/B1/LOK/3666/2023, dated 12.04.2023 of Deputy Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh and letters thereon, last letter, dt.18.12.2024.
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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.SATYANARAYANA SHARMA, THE THEN DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA, NTR DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

-NIL-

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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